

HOUSE BILL 827

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By: **Delegate Hubbard**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Polysomnographic Technologists – Education and Examination**
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the examination requirements for a license to practice
5 polysomnography to require a certain examination approved by the Board of
6 Physicians to be accredited by a certain accrediting organization; altering the
7 education requirements for a license to practice polysomnography; requiring the
8 State Board of Physicians to waive certain education requirements for a license
9 to practice polysomnography if, in addition to meeting certain other
10 requirements, an applicant has a passed a certain examination on or before a
11 certain date; and generally relating to education and examination requirements
12 for polysomnographic technologists.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Health Occupations
15 Section 14–5C–09 and 14–5C–10
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Health Occupations**

21 14–5C–09.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the
2 requirements of this section.

3 (b) The applicant shall:

4 (1) Be of good moral character; and

5 (2) Be at least 18 years old.

6 (c) An applicant for a polysomnographic technologist license shall:

7 (1) Have passed the national certifying examination given by the
8 Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists or another examination
9 ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF CERTIFYING AGENCIES AND
10 approved by the Board;

11 (2) Submit to the Board proof of certification as a registered
12 polysomnographic technologist or other national certification approved by the Board;

13 (3) (i) 1. Have graduated from a polysomnographic educational
14 program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health
15 Education Programs; OR

16 2. HAVE ~~GRADUATED FROM~~ SUCCESSFULLY
17 COMPLETED A:

18 A. A SLEEP TECHNOLOGIST EDUCATIONAL
19 PROGRAM THAT IS ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF SLEEP
20 MEDICINE;

21 B. A PROGRAM DESIGNATED AS A SLEEP
22 TECHNOLOGIST APPROVED RESOURCE BY THE BOARD OF REGISTERED
23 POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS; OR

24 C. A PROGRAM RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE
25 AND APPROVED THE BOARD;

26 (ii) 1. Have graduated from a respiratory care educational
27 program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health
28 Education Programs; and

29 2. Have completed the Committee on Accreditation for
30 Respiratory Care's curriculum for a polysomnography certificate that is accredited by
31 the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; or

1 (iii) 1. Have graduated from an electroneuro–diagnostic
2 educational program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied
3 Health Education Programs; and

4 2. Have completed additional units, modules, and
5 courses of instruction focused on polysomnographic technology that are accredited by
6 the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; and

7 (4) Meet any other educational or clinical requirements established by
8 the Committee and approved by the Board.

9 14–5C–10.

10 (a) The Board shall waive the education requirement under § 14–5C–09(c)(3)
11 of this subtitle if on or before September 30, 2013, an individual:

12 (1) Has passed the national certifying examination by the Board of
13 Registered Polysomnographic Technologists **OR ANOTHER EXAMINATION**
14 **ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF CERTIFYING AGENCIES AND**
15 **APPROVED BY THE BOARD;**

16 (2) Is certified by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic
17 Technologists as a registered polysomnographic technologist;

18 (3) Has submitted an application for licensure to the Board; and

19 (4) Meets all of the requirements under § 14–5C–09(b) and (c)(1) and
20 (2) of this subtitle.

21 (b) (1) If an individual has not satisfied the requirements under
22 subsection (a) of this section on or before September 30, 2013, the individual may
23 petition the Board for an extension.

24 (2) The Board shall determine whether to grant an extension under
25 this subsection on a case–by–case basis.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2012.